FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RELEASE OF FAMILY COURT FILES REGARDING XXXXXXXX AND XXXXXXXX CASE

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Wilmington, DE -- Chief Judge Vincent J. Poppiti has announced that documents in the Family Court's file on the XXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXX case will be released to representatives of the media upon request. Publication of information from the court file has been authorized as being in the public interest pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 1063, and is for the purpose of ensuring accurate reportage of Court proceedings. The files will be available for media review at the Family Court in Georgetown or by calling Ed Pollard at the above number. Questions concerning the Court's proceedings regarding the XXXXXXXXX case should be directed to Ed Pollard, Court Administrator, at the numbers listed above.

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Records Reproduced From Court File CS95-xxxxx

- 1. Petition for Order of Protection From Abuse (PFA)
- 2. Affidavit for Expedited Processing of PFA Petition
- 3. Ex Parte Order of Protection From Abuse
- 4. Order of Protection From Abuse
- 5. Motion to Vacate Order of Protection From Abuse
- 6. Order of Protection From Abuse (Modification)

Records Reproduced From Court File AK96-xxxxx

- 1. Adult Arraignment Disposition and Sentencing
- 2. Complaint and Warrant
- 3. Affidavit of Probable Cause

Records Not Reproduced From Court Files AK96-xxxxx and CS95-xxxxxx

- 1. Court Case Action Summary (Docket)
- 2. Petition for Child Support
- 3. Order of Dismissal of Child Support Petition
- 4. Bond / Order to Appear (from Justice of the Peace Court 3)
- 5. Bail Disposition Sheet (from Justice of the Peace Court 3)
- 6. Bond /Order to Appear (from Justice of the Peace Court 3)
- 7. Defendant History Sheet (from Justice of the Peace Court 3)
- 8. Adult Probation Referral
- 9. Plea Agreement Form
- 10. Risk Assessment Form

In the Family Court of the State of Delaware In and For Sussex County

ORDER	
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)	Pursuant to 10 <u>Del. C.</u> § 1063
)	Release of Records
)	AK96-XXXXXX
)	CS95-XXXXXX
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))))))) ORDER

WHEREAS, It Appears To The Court That:

- 1. All proceedings before the Court and all records of such proceedings may be private except to the extent that the Court may consider publication in the public interest;
- 2. It is in the public interest since the death of XXXXXXXX to provide information about this case by the release of the Protection from Abuse documents and criminal documents;

THEREFORE, pursuant to 10 <u>Del. C.</u> § 1063, the Protection from Abuse Documents in Family Court Files CS95-XXXXX and criminal documents contained in File AK96-XXXXX shall be available in the Family Court Building in Georgetown for inspection upon request by members of the media.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2nd day of August, 1996.

VINCENT J. POPPITI Chief Judge

Chronology of Relevant Family Court Activity

XXXXXXXX (dob: xxx) XXXXXXXX (dob: xxx)

Date	Individual	Activity	Disposition	Notes
9/5/95	XXXXXXXX	Petition for Protection From Abuse (PFA) filed	Ex Parte Order of Protection From Abuse Issued	Order to expire 9/14/95
9/14/95		Hearing on PFA Petition	Order of Protection From Abuse Issued	Order to expire 9/14/96
3/6/96	XXXXXXX	Petition for Child Support filed		
3/18/96		Mediation Scheduled on Child Support Petition	Dismissed	
4/18/96	XXXXXXX	Arrest on Charge of Offensive Touching (Victim: XXXXXXXX)	Bail set at \$250 unsecured	Defendant to report to Family Court for a DV Interview 4/23/96
4/22/96	XXXXXXX	Motion to Vacate PFA Order		Affidavit of Mailing submitted 4/23/96
5/15/96	XXXXXXX	Arraignment on Offensive Touching	Pled Guilty	Plea Agreement provided for Level V for 15-30 days, susp. for 12 mos. Level II Probation dropped to Level I Probation following DV evaluation and treatment
5/16/96		Hearing on Motion to Vacate PFA Order	Motion denied, but PFA Order modified to permit contact for counseling	Order to expire 9/14/96
8/1/96	XXXXXXX			Came to Court to file for Mod- ification of PFA; Left Court before filing